

**Amendments to the Claims.** Material to be inserted is in underline, material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or ~~[[double brackets]]~~. All cancellations are without prejudice.

1. (Currently Amended) A language learning system, comprising:

a body;

a plurality of phoneme selectors coupled to the body, each phoneme selector including a letter or letter combination, a character, and a pronunciation symbol separate from the letter or letter combination, the pronunciation symbol indicating a pronunciation for the letter or letter combination, all associated with a phoneme, the character having a name including the phoneme; and

a target window positioned in the body, the target window being configured to display a target;

wherein the plurality of selectors are configured to be adjustable by a user to spell a name of the target;

wherein the letter or letter combination and pronunciation symbol are distinguished in that each letter or letter combination may have a plurality of possible pronunciations when used in different words, but each pronunciation symbol has only one possible pronunciation.

2. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 1, wherein each selector is wheel-shaped.

3. (Currently Amended) The language learning system of claim 1, wherein the letters or letter combinations, characters, and pronunciation symbols are positioned in respective sectors of a plurality of character regions positioned on the selector.

4. (Currently Amended) The language learning system of claim 1, wherein the body further includes a selection pane through which a user may view a selected letter or letter combination on the phoneme selector.

5. (Currently Amended) The language learning system of claim 4, wherein the selection pane is adapted to enable a user to view at least one of a selected character, a selected pronunciation symbol and[[/or]] a selected letter or letter combination of the phoneme selector.

6. (Original) The language learning system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of phoneme selectors includes five phoneme selectors.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A language learning system, comprising:  
a set of characters, each character being associated with a predetermined phoneme of a language, and having a character name including the phoneme; and

a learning device configured to display at least one of the characters along with an associated letter or letter combination and pronunciation symbol corresponding to the phoneme, wherein the pronunciation symbol is separate from the letter or letter combination and instructs a user how to pronounce the letter or letter combination as the letter or letter combination is positioned in the name of each character;

wherein the learning device includes a selector chosen from the group consisting of a wheel, a disk-shaped selector and a cone-shaped selector; and

wherein the language learning device includes a selection pane through which a user may view a selected letter or letter combination on the selector.

9. (Currently Amended) The language learning system of claim 8, wherein each character and associated pronunciation symbol and letter or letter combination are arranged radially on one of a plurality of character regions on the selector.

10-57. (Cancelled)

58. (Currently Amended) The language learning system of claim 8[[57]], wherein the selection pane is adapted to enable a user to view at least one of a selected character, a selected pronunciation symbol, and a selected letter or letter combination of the selector.

59. (Cancelled)

60. (Previously Presented) A language learning system, comprising:

a set of two or more sequenced selector substrates, each selector substrate including three or more character regions, each character region including indicia showing a unique character icon and a letter or letter combination from a name associated with the character icon, the character icon and letter or letter combination forming a graphical unit that represents a single pronunciation of the letter or letter combination as used in the character name, and that does not represent any other possible pronunciation of the letter or letter combination;

wherein the first selector substrate of the set of two or more sequenced selector substrates contains all letters or letter combinations necessary to spell each of the character names of the character icons on the first selector substrate, and wherein the graphical units formed by the character icons and letters or letter combinations on the first selector substrate indicate all pronunciations necessary to correctly pronounce each of the character names of the character icons on the first selector substrate; and

wherein the first selector substrate of the set of two or more sequenced selector substrates may be sequentially combined with the other selector substrates of the set of two or more sequenced selector substrates so that the sequentially combined selector substrates contain all letters or letter combinations necessary to spell each of the character names of the character icons on the sequentially combined selector substrates, and wherein the graphical units formed by the character icons and letters or letter combinations on the sequentially combined selector substrates indicate all pronunciations necessary to correctly pronounce each of the character names of the character icons on the sequentially combined

selector substrates.

61. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 60, wherein each letter or letter combination that has only a single possible pronunciation is shown as indicia within a single character region on the selector substrates to be paired with a single, unique character icon; and

wherein each letter or letter combination that has more than one possible pronunciation appears as indicia within a plurality of character regions on the selector substrates, in each character region the letter or letter combination being paired with a different character icon for each pronunciation;

such that each letter or letter combination paired with a unique character icon forms a graphical unit that represents a unique pronunciation of the letter or letter combination.

63-70. (Cancelled)

71. (New) The language learning system of claim 60, wherein the selector substrates are adjustable to spell the name of a target.

72. (New) The language learning system of claim 60, wherein the character icons and letter or letter combinations are removably attached to a body.

73. (New) The language learning system of claim 60, wherein the character

regions include indicia showing a pronunciation symbol separate from the letter or letter combination, the pronunciation symbol indicating a pronunciation for the letter or letter combination.

74. (New) The language learning system of claim 60, wherein the selector substrates are coupled with a selection pane adapted to enable a user to view at least one of a selected character, a selected pronunciation symbol and a selected letter or letter combination of the selector substrate.

75. (New) The language learning system of claim 60, wherein the selector substrates are attached to a body.

76. (New) The language learning system of claim 75, wherein the selector substrates are adjustable to spell the name of a target.

77. (New) The language learning system of claim 75, wherein the body includes a target window, the target window configured to display a target.

78. (New) The language learning system of claim 75, wherein the body includes a selection pane adapted to enable a user to view at least one of a selected character, a selected pronunciation symbol, and a selected letter or letter combination of the selector

substrates.

79. (New) The language learning system of claim 75, wherein the selector substrates may be detached from the body to spell the name of a target.